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Departments.

There are two departments in the Institution, the Preparatory, and Seminary Proper. The Preparatory embraces the following studies:

Emerson's Spelling book,
Kays, Angel's and McGuffy's Readers,
Parley's and Davie's Arithmetic,
Parley's History,
Mitchel's Primary Geog'phy,
Swift's Philosophy,
Penmanship.
Botany for beginners,
Bailey's English Grammar,
Mitchels Intermediate Geography,
Natural Philosophy for beginners,
Physiology for beginners,
Letter Writing,

Seminary Department Proper.

The Course of Studies in this Department embraces a period of three years, arranged as follows:

FIRST CLASS.—(First Year.)

Bailey's and Bullion's English Grammar,
Smith's and Davie's Arithmetic,
Mitchell's Geography and Atlas, with the Globes,
Chemistry for Beginners,
Comstock's Physiology,
Davie's Algebra,
Parley's Universal History,
Parker's Composition,
History of the United States.

JUNIOR CLASS.—(Second Year.)

English Grammar with the Analysis of Thompson's Seasons,
Mitchell's Geog. and Atlas,
Davie's Algebra and Arithmetic,
Comstock's Philosophy,
Blair's Rhetoric.

Mrs. Lincoln's Botany,
History of the United States and England,
Kendall's Geography of the Heavens,
Watts on the Mind,
Hart's Class-Book of Poetry,

SENIOR CLASS.—(Third Year.)

English Grammar with the Analysis of Milton's Paradise Lost,
Dr. Draper's Chemistry,
Comstock's Mineralogy,
Davie's Geometry and Trigonometry,

Wayland's Moral Science,
Alexander's Evidences of Christianity,
History of Greece and Rome,
Olmstead's Astronomy,
Abercrombie's Intellectual Philosophy.

Languages.

A Classical Department is connected with the Institute, but does not belong to the regular course. And here it may be remarked, that the study of the Languages, so far from impeding, rather tends to advance the Student in the English Branches.

Text Books.

French.

Collot's Grammar.	Collot's Anecdotes.
Addick's Elements.	Charles XII.
Bolmar's Phrases.	Telemaque.
French Guide.	Louis XIV.

Latin.

Bullion's Grammar.	Virgil.
Liber Primus.	Sallust.
Latin Reader.	Cicero.
	Horace.

Greek.

Fisk's Grammar.	Greek Testament.
Goodrich's Greek Lessons.	Anabasis Euripides.

Ornamental Branches.

Music, (Vocal and Instr'm'l.)	Painting.
Drawing.	Fancy Needle Work.

EXPENSES

PER SESSION OF FIVE MONTHS.

Preparatory Department,	$10 00
Seminary Department,	$12½ to 15 00
Board, including furnished room, washing, lights, and fuel, &c., per month,	8 00
Incidental expenses for the Academy.	50

Extra Studies.

Music on the Piano with singing,	$20 00
Latin, Greek or French, each	5 00
Drawing and Painting in Landscapes and flowers, each	8 00
Perspectative and Mathematical Perspectative, each	5 00
Drawing in Mezzotinto,	5 00
French Embroidery,	6 00

Thirty young Ladies can be conveniently and comfortably accommodated in our own family. Board can be obtained also in the various families in the Village and neighborhood.

N. B.—The high price of provisions and the advance of at least fifty per cent in almost every kind of property, have compelled me reluctantly to raise the Board to $8 per mo. This, upon comparison with similar Institutions, will be found to be lower in almost every case than the board elsewhere.

Apparatus.

The Seminary is furnished with a Chemical and Philosophical Apparatus, sufficient to illustrate most of the principles in these studies; and experiments exhibited sessionally.

Lyceum.

A Literary Society for criticism and general improvement is held weekly, under the Superintendence of the Principal. This will consist chiefly of Reading and repeating choice Poetry, Reading original Essays and discussing some literary subject, either by writing or conversing on it. A very respectable beginning for a Library is already made, to which the young Ladies will have access; and more additions will be made whenever an opportunity occurs.

General Remarks.

Spelling, Reading, Writing, and Composition, make a part of the regular exercises of the young ladies, through the whole course.

Some formal testimonial will be awarded to each young lady upon leaving, who may complete the course of studies connected with the Seminary. It will be our constant aim to guide and guard the morals and general deportment of every young lady associated with the Seminary; and the Sabbath day will be devoted especially to the reading and study of the Bible, and to attendance upon public preaching.

Probably there is no other community in which a School could be located for the training of youth, that exerts so little of unfavorable influence, and affords greater facilities for forming virtuous principles and correct habits of life.

The Village of Leasburg and its vicinity, have long been blessed with good health. Under the blessing of a kind Providence, Session after Session passes away, with scarcely a single instance of sickness; and here it may be justly remarked, that a number of young Ladies whose health was delicate, have been entirely restored, and their health fully established, by a temporary residence in this community.

The Village is moral and free from many temptations that too often exist in other communities. While we have all the facilities of a large Village, in having access to the stores and post office, (the stage passing six times a week,) yet, we have few, or none of the inconveniences. The young Ladies after being confined in school, can walk out and ramble in various directions, without any inconvenience or fear of disturbance, and no doubt it is owing to this circumstance, in part at least, that the young Ladies have, by a kind Providence, enjoyed such fine health.

The Scholastic year is divided into two Sessions, the Spring Session commencing the second Wednesday in January, and closing by a public examination the first Wednesday in June; and the fall session commencing the second Wednesday in July, and closing the first Wednesday in December.

A large assortment of text books, purchased in the northern market, is kept constantly on hand, and we are therefore prepared to furnish the Students with all necessary books on most reasonable terms.

No sectarian influence is exerted over the minds of the pupil. Each student enjoys her own religious views and feelings, without the slightest interference or inconvenience. We open School by singing and prayer, and close by singing; and once a week the young Ladies all repeat simply by heart some verses out of the Bible.

Special Remarks.

1. Special attention paid to the health of the young Ladies.
2. Preaching in the Village once, and often twice, on the Sabbath by different ministers.
3. Every article of clothing should be marked.
4. The young Ladies are not permitted to form accounts, unless by consent of the Parents or the Teachers.
5. Nor are they permitted to visit the stores, unless in the company of a Teacher, or some member of the family where they board.
6. While we think it important to be present at the beginning of the Session, yet whenever it is otherwise, charge is made from the time of entrance, only.
7. Tuition may be paid in whole or part in advance, yet it is not positively required.
8. No deduction made after a student enters school for absence, except in cases of personal sickness or some family affliction.

NAMES OF PUPILS.

As a matter of convenience and reference a list of the young Ladies for the last four years, is presented below.

CASWELL COUNTY, N. C.

Ann Anderson,
Betty Arms,
Emily F. Bolton,
Cornelia W. Bolton,
Helen M. Bolton,
Rebecca A. Burton,
Virginia Burton,
Mary Brandon,
Mary Elizabeth Brandon,
Matilda Comer,
Lillie Cooper,
Sarah E. Cooper,
Susan Cooper,
Martha F. Cearnel,
Margaret Dupree,
Sarah A. Evans,
Adeline M. Garrett,
Mary A. Fuller,
Elizabeth Fuller,
Virginia S. Harrison,
Fanny E. Harrison,
Hallie E. Harrison,
Betty Henderson,
Virginia Jeffreys,
Sally A. Jones,
Martha Jones,
Susan F. Jones,
Isabella Kerr,
Fanny Kerr,
Sophia A. Lea,
Henrietta Lea,
Rebecca A. Lea,

CASWELL COUNTY, N. C.

Adeline Lea,
Wilhelmina Lea,
Lillie Ann Lea,
Mary A. Long,
Jennette Morgan,
Fanny Moore,
Fanny P. Norfleet,
Matilda Pool,
Eugenia Richmond,
Mary A. Robertson,
Mary A. Rudd,
Victoria Reid,
Elizabeth Stanfield,
Rebecca Smith,
Mary Smith,
Virginia Thomas,
Rebecca Thomas,
Laura R. Thompson,
Catharine A. Thompson,
Louisa Tillett,
Jennette Tillett,
Sally Walker,
Mary Walker,
Candice Walton,
Susan A. Whitlow,
Eugenia Whitfield,
Sarah C. Woodson,
S. E. Womack,
Kate Woods,
Eliza Woods,
Martha Yarbrough,
Nannie Yarbrough.

Total 64.

PERSON COUNTY, N. C.

Sally F. Brown,
Betty G. Brown,
Sally Bradsher,
Betty W. Bradsher,
Mary Baily,
Betty Baily,
Corina Bradsher,
Martha A. Drumwight,
Martha Grubbs,
Margarett Garrett,
Sarah J. Harris,
Susan Hemphill,
Mary Holeman,
Betty Johnson,
Bell Jones,
Sally Mason,
Susan Moore,

GRANVILLE COUNTY, N. C.

Francis Bridges,
Candice Bridges,
Ann Blackwell,
Sally Clack,
Caroline Jones,
Cornelia Lawrence,
Susan F. Smith,
Caroline White,
Martha Webb,

Total 10.

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY, N. C.

Mary E. Reid,
Rebecca Rainey,
Caroline Rainey,
Bettie Smith.

FRANKLIN COUNTY, N. C.

Jane Maynard.

PERSON COUNTY, N. C.

Martha Paylor,
Fannie S. Paylor,
Betty Paylor,
Arabella Rogers,
Mary F. Rogers,
Delpha Sergeant,
Martha Scott,
Louisa B. Torian,
Emily F. Trotter,
Emma Wilkerson,
Betty P. Wilkerson,
Harriet Williams,
Virginia Webb,
Caroline Winstead,
Virginia Winstead,
Sarah Yealock,
Ellen Yealock.

Total 34.

GUILFORD COUNTY, N. C.

Annie A Bennett,
Bettie J. Bennett,
Caroline V. Donald,
Mary J. Johnson,
Cynthia Ogburn,
Caroline Tatum.

ORANGE COUNTY, N. C.

Martha Taylor,
Eliza Atwater,
Betty Stroud,
Emiline Harris.

WAKE COUNTY, N. C.
Mary Whitaker,
Martha Whitaker.

STATESVILLE, N. C.
Margarett G. Kerr.

HALIFAX, VA.

Mary H. Allen,
Martha Allen,
Mary A. Allen,
Sarah Allen,
Isabella Allen,
Laura L. Ballow,
Charlotte Brandon,
Henrietta Chapel,
Ophelia C. Fleming,
Sally A. Headspeth,
Sally J. Garrett,
Sally Farmer,
Mary Farmer,
America J. Kirby,
Sally Lacy,
Martha W. Lewellyn,

PITTSYLVANIA, VA.

Sally Cabell,
Ann Eliza Flagg,
Mary Inge,
Virginia E. Neal,
Lucy J. Millner,
Nannie W. Millner,
Rebecca C. Pritchet,
Martha J. Pritchet,
Sally F. Royall,
Julianna Trotter.

Total 10.

HENRY COUNTY, VA.

Sally Hairston,
Susan Hairston,
Betty Hairston,

HALIFAX, VA.

Lucy J. Lewellyn,
Camilla M. Locket,
Ann Martin,
Mary E Martin,
Mary A. Moon,
Jane Oliver,
Betty Pettus,
Fanny Tucker,
Margaret E. Tucker,
Susan T. Terry,
Mary J. Tucker,
Mariah V. Vaughn,
Sally W. Wilson,
Betty Wilson,
Mildred Younger,

Total 31.

CHARLOTTE COUNTY, VA.

Margarett Bouldin,
Henrietta Bouldin,
Charlotte Lawson,
Martha Pugh,
Lizzie Pugh.

CAMPBELL COUNTY, VA.

Louisa B. Jones.

MECKLENBURG, VA.

Jane Green.

RICHMOND, VA.

Sarah J. Puryear.

Recapitulation.

A concise view of the plans and operations of the Spring Session of 1855.

No. of Teachers, 4.
Pupils, 70.
Scholars in Latin, 18.
Scholars in French, 10.
Scholars in Music, 26,
Scholars in Geometry, 5.
Scholars in Algebra, 6.
No. in Painting, 9.
No. in Drawing, 10.
French Embroidery, 11.
Wax Work, 11.

Chemistry, 20.
Botany, 18.
Moral Science, 7.
Watts on the Mind, 8.
Geography, 15.
Arithmetic, 40.
English Grammar, 40.
Composition weekly,
Spelling, Reading, and Writing by the whole School.